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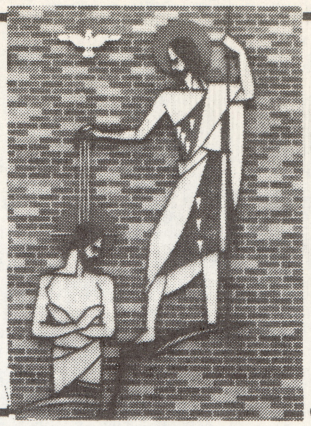


"For the Love of Christ Leaves Us No Choice.."

2 Cor. 5:14

"The love of Christ
impels us:
no choice, but to love
with his love —

which means,
no choice in the
face of violence
and injustice;
which means,
no choice in the
face of hatred
and oppression;
which means,
no choice in the
face of discrimination
and rejection —

no choice,
but to love
with his love —

which means,
no choice but to
pay the price
rather than exact it;
which means,
no choice but to
have died and risen
on a thousand
unchosen Easter
nornings."

A Dominican Sister

Easter blessings and peace are wished for you by your parish team.

Hall Renovation

Final Phase

Week 9 ..... $2,951.00
Total Collected to
date '76 ..... $19,584.87

Today marks the final Sunday in our 10 week Hall Renovation Drive. If you have not made your pledge toward the completion of this parish project, please do so during this week. Pledges are due in full on October 31, 1976. We would like to wrap this entire project up. You can assist in this regard. Thanks for your beautiful cooperation during these past three years in bringing the renovation work to its present state.

Just a Word...

by Fr. Harvey

A most blessed and peace-filled Easter to all!

As we sing "alleluia" and share the joy which the Risen Christ makes possible for us, some commendations are in order. To all who joined us and to all who made possible the celebration of Holy Week, a sincere thanks. And to the men and women who are our Easter converts, a very happy welcome!

The true message of Easter, the truth that life is stronger than death, was spoken eloquently by your bountiful charity last weekend both to the American Overseas Aid Appeal and to our special Lenten project, Operation Rice Bowl. Though we do not have to be commended for our love, it is most encouraging to feel one another's support in carrying out our Christian responsibility to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless, part of the work of the Catholic Bishop's Relief.

Congratulations to the students of Ypsilanti High School who presented another very fine stage play for the area public. I had a chance to enjoy the final presentation of "Man of LaMancha" last Saturday evening. St. John's Parish was well represented not only on the stage but in the orchestra and on the production staff. You did a super job and we are proud of you!

If the parish grounds look a little neater, it's due to the hard work of our parish Scout Troop No. 240 who did some spring cleaning around here last Saturday when they weren't bundling papers for the paper drive. To the adult leaders who assisted them, Bob Manion, Bob Gillman and Carl Postuma, and to Scouts Greg Gillman, Paul and Carl Moore, Tom Stachlewitz, Carl Barnhart, Jim and Tim Keller, Jim Shock, Lance Walters, Chuck and Joe Keen, and Tom Moorman, a great big **"thank you"**. Mr. Charles Leitshuh and Mr. Roy Coine, our cemetery sexton and assistant, helped load the refuse and hauled it away. We appreciate your continuing help.

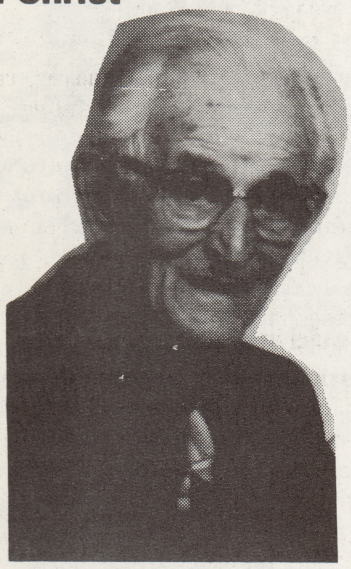
You and many others help make our "alleluias" ring true!

41st International Eucharistic Congress

The Diocese of Lansing is sponsoring a bus pilgrimage to the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia from July 30 to August 5, 1976. Pilgrims will participate in the Solemn Opening of the Congress on August 1 and will remain in Philadelphia for the following two days to take part in the Congress programs and also to tour Catholic and historical Philadelphia. Side trips to Niagara

Falls and Washington, D.C included. $299 per person. For further details, contact: John C. Doneth, Group Pilgrimage Coordinator, 1053 Lantern Hills Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823. Phone: (517) 332-1734.

In the Peace of Christ



Lewis D. Vivian

A longtime, devoted parishioner of St. John's was buried during this past week. Mr. Lewis D. Vivian, age 91, died on Saturday evening, April 10, 1976 at his residence, 2541 Packard Rd.

Mass of Christian Burial was concelebrated in our church on Tuesday, April 13, 1976 by Frs. M. Bednarski, J. Ploof and D. Harvey. Burial followed in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Lewis is survived by his wife, Ida, one daughter, Mrs. Clement (Olga) Diegel, two grandchildren, Mrs. David (Mary Beth) Lengel and Clement Jr. (Skip). all of this parish.

As we pray for the repose of Mr. Vivian, we offer thanks that the Lord has shown his faithfulness through His servant Lewis.

May Fellowship Day

"1776 - Valiant Women - 1976" - Friday, May 7, 1976 - Salad Buffet - 12:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw. Donation: $1.50.

Anyone interested in tickets and/or in donating a salad, please call Jane Greiner at 483-4255.

New Life in Christ

On Saturday afternoon, April 10, 1976, **Carey Regina Vernarsky** was welcomed into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated by Fr. Jerry Ploof. Carey is the daughter of Frank J. Vernarsky and Rosalind (Willits) Vernarsky of 663 Bagley Street, Ypsilanti. Carey's godparents are Steven Vernarsky and Rhonda Willits.

On Sunday, April 11, 1976, during the 12:30 Mass the following were welcomed into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated by Fr. David Harvey:

Stacey Lynn Groff, daughter of Stephen and Sandra (Alfrey) Groff of 1265 Stamford, Ypsilanti. Stacey's godparents are Charles Harrison and Pauline Brush.

Dennis Alecsander Hines, son of Dennis W. and Wanda L. (Mead) Hines of 2720 Golfside No. 902, Ann Arbor. Dennis' godparents are James Fink and Ardella Purcell.

Ehren Berg Hines and Martha Elizabeth Hines, daughters of Scott and Christine (Ehrenberg) Hines of 213 N. Mansfield, Ypsilanti. Ehren's godparents are Kenneth Murphy and Kerry Hines. Martha's godparents are Candace and Frank Reaume.

Christine Marie Hodges, daughter of Keith E. and Michele J. (Daggett) Hodges of 2335 Twin Lakes Dr., Ypsilanti. Christine's godparents are Pierre-Marc Daggett and Vicki Hunzeker.

William Michael Ward, son of William P. and Anne C. (Mattioli) Ward of 520 Browning, Ypsilanti. William's godparents are Dean Sanderson and Michelle Ward.

Jennifer Marie Wild, daughter of Robert E. and Sharyn K. (Kern) Wild of 164 Carriage Way, Ypsilanti. Jennifer's godparents are Thomas P. Addis and Mary E. Kern.

Welcome Carey, Stacey, Dennis, Ehren, Martha, Christine, William, and Jennifer! Congratulations, parents!

April, 1976

Dear Friends,

Gertrude and Harry Roof wish to thank whomever was connected with the anniversary celebration in January. Our entire family was together again since the longest time, for which we are grateful. The surprise picture which we received from Sister Carol at the Fashion Show/Card Party will be a nice reminder of your generosity for which we thank you.

Love and prayers,
Gertrude & Harry Roof

Welcome, Convert!

Mr. Larry D. Pepper and wife, Patricia

Mr. Larry D. Pepper is our community's most recent convert to whom we extend a very happy welcome. Larry made his solemn profession of faith on Saturday morning, April 10th, during a Lenten liturgy celebrated by Fr. Harvey. He was also confirmed and shared his First Communion during the Mass. His wife, Patricia (Southwell) Pepper served as his sponsor.

Congratulations, Larry!

St. Thomas Parish...

...cordially invites you to their annual **Spring Fling** - May 1 from 9:00 to 1:00 in their parish hall. $6.00 per person. $2.50 Senior Citizens. B.Y.O.B. Free refreshments and set-ups. Tickets available at the door. Music by: **Tune Mixers**. (Must be 18)

Parish Council Meeting

April 12, 1976

Members Present: Natalie Bowyer, Sr. Carol Denise, Joan Gillman, Fr. David Harvey, Fr. Jerry Ploof, David Rocha, John Thomas, Roger Washburn, David Wheeler, Gerard Wideman, Owen Koch, Cy Corkins.

Members Excused: Ruth Lorenz, Ray Carpenter.

1. The council meeting was called to order by president, Gerard Wideman at 8:10 p.m. Fr. Harvey led the opening prayer.
2. Motion was made for approval of the last Council minutes as presented in the **Ypsilanti Catholic.** Motion passed.
3. **Commission Reports:**

A. **Administration Commission** - Dave Wheeler presented the financial report to date, gave us an update on the Renovation, noted progress on the organ installation, with choir loft to be ready by June 15th, gave facts about the boiler to be purchased for the school building which includes Needham Hall, stated that the remodeling of the confessionals is complete except for the carpeting. It was also noted that the Baptist payments were in arrears.

B. **Board of Education** - Roger Washburn reported on their last committee meeting. It was noted that the Natural Family Program will be held on April 29 and May 27, that several families have not paid their education fees so they will be sent a letter as a reminder and then be contacted personally. Roger asked for some definite answers on a children's Mass. It was noted also that the Board accepted the resignations of Sister Anne and Sister Sheila.

c. **Service Commission** - Natalie Bowyer reported that plans are underway for the summer festival to be held July 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the Moose grounds on Stoney Creek Rd., that Mrs. Betty Ludwig is the new bookkeeper for the parish St. Vincent de Paul committee, that Mrs. Margaret Budinger attended the Biannual Conference for the NCCW, and that David Paffel has volunteered his services as a security guard for St. John's Bingo. Checks of $1,500.00 from Bingo and $175.00 from Hall Rental were presented to the Administration Commission.

D. **Worship Commission** - John Thomas reported that all tickets for the Seder Meal were sold very early, that Mrs. Dziedzic has completed the new funeral Pall.

4. **Old Business:**
Parish Council Guidelines from the Diocese were discussed with suggestions made for improvements.

5. **New Business:**

A. Festival plans were discussed. This will be a Bicentennial celebration sponsored by St. John's for both parish and community.

B. A Bicentennial Pageant Rosary and Mass are to be held May 1st, at the capitol grounds in Lansing. Individuals and groups are encouraged to attend.

C. Ypsilanti Ministers will sponsor an enchilada dinner on May 2nd, at St. John's for the benefit of farm workers.

6. With no further business, the Council adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cy Corkins,
Acting Secretary

Celebrate Farm Worker Week!

The Ypsilanti Ministerial Association in conjunction with the local farm workers' association will sponsor a Mexican Dinner to be held Sunday, May 2nd, from 4:30-7:30 at St. John's Catholic Church, corner of Cross and Hamilton. The dinner will consist of enchiladas, beans, fried rice, cole slaw, and a beverage. The donations of $4.25 for adults and $1.50 for children will go to the United Farm Workers for use in organizing a union for America's farm laborers.

A film "Why We Boycott," will be shown at 5:30 and at 6:30 during the dinner. The documentary depicts the struggle of California farm workers during the grape strikes in 1973.

For more information or tickets call 487-9009.

Tickets are available for presale or may be purchased at the door.

Natural Family Planning

April 29 - 7:30 p.m.
Parish Center Library

This meeting will deal with "The Ovulation Method" (Dr. Billings) and how to prevent and/or become pregnant in regard to each individual cycle. It is also an informational discussion of how the body of a woman functions in regards to ovulation. There is no fee. For further information, call Nancy DeVooght at 487-9137.

The following intentions will be remembered at Masses celebrated by Fr. Charles Holton, retired, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Patrick J. Brown, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Kramer, Sr., and Henry and Ann Arkison; H. Lenore Draper, req. by Raymond and Ida Malcom; Helen Mary Brown, req. by Mrs. Marie Manley (two Masses), and by Mary Ellen and Chuck Hallosy; John Joseph Sanocki req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Pentlicki (two Masses), by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Shover, by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Buziak (two Masses); Edward Denoyer, req. by Phillip and Marcia Denoyer, by Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Wisniewski, by Robert Denoyer; Lealand McCarberry, req. by Dorothy Hayden, by Mary Ellen Uranga & family; Mary H. Sanocki, req. by Mrs. F. Pentlicki, by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Kolcz; Florence A. Frentner, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Forest Wright, by Genevieve Benedict; Margaret M. Wyese, req. by Spencer Grammel (two Masses), by Agnes Schoeb (two Masses); William L. Spangler, Jr., req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Mesteruk.

Ypsilanti Public Schools

The Ypsilanti Public School Registration Program for Kindergarten children who will be 5 years old by December 1, 1976, will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw, May 17 - May 28. Call 482-5892 for more information and help in making appointments between 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. The Program, Kindergarten Kaleidoscope, will assist you in enrolling your child in the appropriate school and program again this year.

Scripture Readings

Easter Sunday, April 18
First Reading ..... Acts 1:34, 37-43
Second Reading ..... Col 3:1-4
Gospel ..... John 20:1-9
Sunday, April 25
First Reading ..... Acts 4:32-35
Second Reading ..... 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel ..... John 20:19-31

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EASTER SUNDAY: 18 APRIL 1976

More guns, more guards!
We'll beat this Jesus thing yet.
Don't be too sure.
Try to keep the sun from rising.
Or love from changing lives.

Morning and Sweet Meditations

by Claudia B. Dumas
St. John Parishioner

Quietness...
My perpetual sweetness
In the stillness of you; your therapy soothes me.
Entering deep - you nourish my appetite,
Filling and warming my concepts
From tangled, spiral, clouded webs,
Into a seeping of realism as nectar flows from the honeycomb.
Here, in your monarch of silence, I embrace you
And gaze upon one natural pose
Of rustling emerald green leaves,
Gently swaying through the trees,
Whispering soft melodies that flee to an endless breeze.
A Prussian-blue lake that lies in sleep
And a yellow-ocher sun peeks from beneath an azure sky,
Spilling its rays down on one rare Mother Earth to reap.
In creeps the youth of dew,
Spreading its beads of gleaming moisture
On tender blades of splendor green grass.
A red-breast robin flutters its grayish wings over its nest
Of young, chirping a cheery tune and beaming.
I feel and see all these truths that are borne from charity
And I inhale - the air so new.
Clasping these close to my heart, I cherish,
And the world ceases to pursue me with its conflicts of powers.
As I close my eyes to the beauty and joys I partake
Of ancient sounds of harmony,
Captivated by this immaculate music - ringing, ringing,
Peace, sweet peace, so free...
Consciously I am grateful!

Coming Next Week
April 25th
Is Coffee &
Bagel Sunday

Last White Elephant
of the Year
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10:00 a.m. until noon

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to all Masses next Sunday

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, April 19 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. Grace Monahan, req. by Geraldine Kruse
2:30 p.m. NO MASS AT PARKVIEW

TUESDAY, April 20 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. Henry Dignan, req. by Mrs. F. Blaha
5:15 p.m. Mary Motto, Anniv., req. Natalie & Paul Bowyer

WEDNESDAY, April 21 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. Alpha Hinsch, req. by Helen Hinsch
9:00 a.m. Sherman Morgan, req. by Dorothy

THURSDAY, April 22 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. Mary Louise Denoyer, 15th Anniv., req. by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Dufek

FRIDAY, April 23 - Easter Octave
7:00 a.m. Michael L. Garber, 2nd Anniv., req. by Mrs. Michael Garber

SATURDAY, April 24 - Easter Octave
9:00 a.m. NO MASS
11:00 a.m. Wedding of Joan Durfee and Rick Scherrer
5:00 p.m. Clarence & Barbara Theisen, req. by Larry & Catherine Husse

SUNDAY, April 25
7:00 a.m. For the Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Edward Denoyer, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Roy Denoyer
11:00 a.m. First Lt. Charles Sinkule, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Sinkule & Eileen
12:30 p.m. A. P. (Jack) Barry, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Elbanowski, Sr.

Wedding Banns

III - Rick Scherrer and Joan Durfee
II - Stephen Polzin and Donna Prince
II - Thomas Ceo and Carol Dascola
I - Robert Stabnau and Maria Thorp

Financial Barometer

April 11, 1976

Sunday Offering	$3,327.50
Hall Renovation (Week IX)	2,951.00
Operation Rice Bowl	1,230.00
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